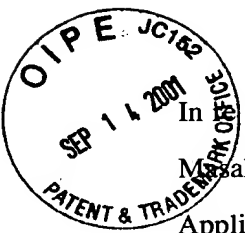


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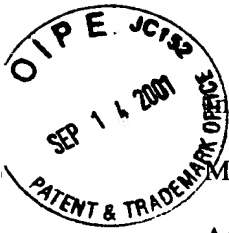
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U.S. Patent No. 5,901,301 dated May 4, 1999 to Matsuo et al. (cited and discussed at page 1 of the present application) (corresponding to Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 9-212361)

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